GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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COAL STOCK SHORTAGES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Standing Committee on Energy in its Report No.17 of 2001 on page 45 in para 2.124 has brought out the fact of rise unabatedly the cases of shortages;

(b) if so, whether the coal stock shortages beyond 5% of book stock and in excess of 1000 mt. are investigated into departmentally constituted committee and the write off action and book adjustments is taken in accordance with the recommendations of that committee;

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken against those found indulging in the malpractices and to tone up the working of ECL, BCCL and CCL etc.;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is no practice of constituting committee to investigate and to write off and book adjustment as is prevalent in the coal;

(f) is so, the reasons therefor;

(g) whether the shortages and excess stock are adjusted against one another irrespective of the fact whether the stocks are of similar nature or not; and

(h) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b): Yes, sir.

(c) and (d): During the last three years, as per annual measurement conducted by Coal India InventoryTeam/ Check Team, coal stock shortage beyond 5% of book stock and in excess of 1000 tonnes was detected only in two subsidiaries of CIL, viz., ECL and BCCL. The quantum of shortage detected and the details of action taken are given below: -

	Eastern Coalfields Limited			Bharat Coking Coal Limited		
	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Quantum of shortage (Lakh Tonnes)	1.20	0.94	0.27	2.12	0.75	-
No. of Executives involved & initiation of action is in progress	25	27	Annual audit completed	22	1	-
Details of Action						

taken	9	6	2	-	-
(a) dropped/ exonerated					
(b) penalty awarded	16	4	9	-	-

(e): As per laid down procedures, a committee is constituted to investigate into coal stock shortages. Write-off action and book stock adjustment is made in accordance with recommendations of the committee after approval of Board of Directors.

(f): Does not arise.

(g) and (h): While calculating shortages, the total stock of coal is taken into account.